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TAGS: MILI, PFOR, SF, MZ, US

SUBJECT: SAG CONCERN ABOUT COMMUNIST BASES IN MOZAMBIQUE

REFERENCE: CAPE TOWN 392

1. YOU MAY REPLY SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE IS MOVING QUICKLY

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WITH SO MANY VARIABLES THAT IT IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO

GAUGE ACCURATELY POSTURE FUTURE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ON USE OF MOZAMBIQUE PORTS BY FOREIGN NAVAL VESSELS. U.S. NATURALLY WOULD BE CONCERNED IF SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE PERMITTED COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH NAVAL BASES THERE, HOWEVER, AT PRESENT NO EVIDENCE EXISTS TO SUGGEST THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN. ON OTHER HAND, ODDS ARE THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRY NAVAL VESSELS WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE MOZAMBIQUE PORTS FOR OCCASIONAL CALLS AS BOTH THEY AND U.S. DO IN OTHER AFRICAN STATES.

2. USG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING NEIGHBORING STATES, WILL BE BEST SERVED BY ORDERLY TRANSITION OF POWER IN MOZAMBIQUE. KISSINGER

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